

REMARKS

By this Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-5, drawn to a method of reducing cholesterol synthesis by increasing cholesta-5,7-diene-3 $\beta$ -27 diol(27-hydroxy-7-dehydrocholesterol) levels employing small molecules, classified in class 514, subclass 171-182.
- II. Claims 6-12, drawn to a method of reducing cholesterol synthesis by reducing 27-hydroxyl7-dehydrocholesterol reductase employing antibody or nucleic acids, classified in class 435, subclass 6 and 7.1+.
- III. Claims 13-15, drawn to a method of reducing cholesterol synthesis by employing small molecules, classified in class 514, subclass 171.
- IV. Claims 16-17, drawn to a method of screening a compound, classified in class 436, subclass 1+.
- V. Claims 18-20, drawn to a method of increasing cholesterol degradation by employing nucleic acid, classified in class 436, subclass 6.

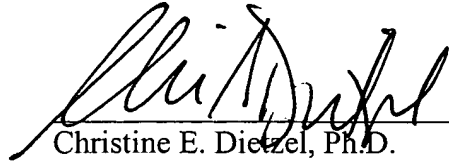
Responsive to the Requirement for Restriction, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group IV, Claims 16-17, which are drawn to a method of screening a compound.

No fees are believed to be necessitated by the foregoing Response. However, should this be erroneous, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment, or credit any overages.

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In view of the above, withdrawal of the Requirement for the Restriction is requested, and an early action on the merits of the Claims is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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